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A

Short Encouragement
FOR THE
GREAT MEN of the Earth,

To make WAR with

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K I N G of *Prussia* another and reviving
G I D E O N going before them ; by the
Occasion of that Famous PERSECUTION
at *T H O R N*.

To which are added

T W O D I A L O G U E S,

O N E

Between the B I R D S of the Air, and the
P U B L I S H E R of Good News.

T H E O T H E R

Between the D E V I L and the J E S U I T S,
his Eldest and First-born Sons.

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## Short ENCOURAGEMENT

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*Great Men of the Earth, &c.*

**I**N ancient TIMES, many KINGS and PRINCES have given themselves much Trouble, and form'd many Counsels in their HEARTS, that the Bounds of their Kingdoms and Dominions might be better settled, and the same might last to late Posterity. But in searching and finding out the Way, how to obtain it, few have attained. But as all Wisdom, which can be dug out of the Mine of Nature, is no more than a Stone, in comparison of that Wisdom, which may be had from the Scriptures; so the Word of God shews us, that the best way to establish ones Throne, is to exercise Justice, and extir-

pate all Impiety and Idolatry, by punishing their Authors and Patrons. A great Catalogue of Judges and Kings in the Old Testament, could be made up, if need be, who punishing the Enemies of God, and rooting out Idolatry, and false Religion, and shewing the Protectors and Maintainers of them, by this Means not a little confirmed their own Seats and Dignities. And altho' some, who were carried on with Ambition, fought God's Battles, yet because they shewed themselves valiant Men, God would not be their Debtor, but rewarded their Valour and Courage. Hence *Jehu* himself, altho' he aimed at the Kingdom, and his own Glory, more than the Glory of God, yet because he fought the Lord's Battles, God rewarded him with this Promise, *That his Sons, to the fourth Generation, should sit on the Throne of Israel,* 2 Kings x. 30. Now if the Lord sent them not empty away, but rewarded them who fought with his Enemies, altho' they fought themselves and their own Glory, we may easily conclude, that those Princes may expect a great-



greater Reward, whose Hearts are right with God, and have a Zeal for his Glory, in punishing his Enemies.

That I may not make this Preface too long, hastening to come to the Matter which I aim at, in these few following Pages, I design chiefly to stir up the great Men of this World to employ all their Power and Might to make War jointly and with one Consent, with that Beast that hath seven Heads, whose Jaws are very much enlarged, and devours all Things, and which hath been for a long time the Astonishment and Terror of the World. Truly they cannot be ignorant, who are exercised with the Sons of *Issachar* in knowing the Signs of the Times, how necessary this Caution is, lest we be oppressed by the Dragon of *Babylon*, who now begins to work Treachery, by disturbing and setting all *Europe* by the Ears, and utterly rooting out all the Protestant Nations, if it be possible.

Come therefore, all ye Princes and great Men of this World, let your Hearts now be inflamed with the Fire of Ambition,

tion, that your Royal Seats and Dominions may be continued, and durable, and that you may have a great Desire, that you make your Families and Posterity happy ; and at this Juncture of Time you have a very fair Opportunity presented to you, which if ye suffer to let go, you may have cause to lament it. The History of *Alexander the Great*, that famous Conqueror of the World, is well known unto you, how, that while he was young, wept, when he heard that his Father *Philip* had conquered several Towns ; for by this means none would be left for him, wherein he might shew the Signs of his heroick Spirit. So ye should have likewise cause to weep and lament your effeminate Mind, when ye should have fought against that Catholick Whore or Prostitute ; for that painted *Jezebel* being thrown out of the Window of her height, what will then remain for you, wherein you may shew your Valour and undaunted Courage of Mind. Seeing that disturber of the World being once cast down by the Thunderbolt of God's

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Power and Wrath, the Morning of universal Rest and Peace, (*Isa.* xiv. 7, 8.) will begin to arise. But now in time of Peace, the Signs of our Valour, and Proofs of a courageous Spirit cannot be shown.

You ought not to think that War with *Babylon* will occasion your Ruin and Overthrow. No, no; but by making War with that *Romish* Monster, you shall flourish and prosper beyond your Expectation. What God once said in the Old Testament, *Mal.* iii. 10. may be applied fitly hear: Try now by an Experiment, O ye great Men and Princes of the Earth! if the Lord will not crown you on every side, and your Families, with his Blessings, if ye will only fight valiantly against that Jezebelish Whore, who for so many Ages has bewitch'd so many Nations of the Earth with her deceitful Wares. And truly, what should discourage you, seeing you are to fight with a conquer'd and profligate Enemy, from whom the Lord Jesus Christ hath taken all his Power on the Cross above seventeen Ages? Now he would be like a Boy, who should fear a  
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Lion cast down and breathing out his last. Go on then courageously, and enter the Field of Battle : The Victory is certain, and shall not deceive you. For as sure as God is, so certain the Truth of this Prophecy shall be fulfilled and accomplished ; for the Lamb and the Beast fighting one against another, the former shall be Conqueror, *Rev. xvii. 14.*

But that ye may be farther encouraged to this War, I will not pass over in Silence, to propose unto you, for an Example, that great Heroe, who is another *Gideon*, even the King of *Prussia*, whom the Lord, in our Time, hath girded in a singular Manner, and whose endeavours for the defence of the Protestants, are most worthy of Praise and Emulation. Come hither, all ye Lovers of *Zion*, and strengthen this noble and valiant Heroe with your ardent Prayers, that pierce the Heavens, that he may not languish and faint, but may persevere and continue in this heroick Course. The Lord will repay him with a Measure pressed down and running over, for all his Counsels and  
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Labours, by which he endeavours to deliver the Oppressed from the Claws of the *Jesuits*, who, for their Likeness, and upon the account of their Agreement, every way, deserve to be called not only the Sons of the Devil, but also, because a double Portion of God's Anger and Wrath waits for them, may be entitled, *The First-born of their black Father*. May the Lord therefore go forth to the Battle before that noble Prince, whom we have mentioned, set him with *Zerubbabel*, as a Ring of a Signet; make him as another *Constantine*, and grant that the Flame of his Fire may be kindled in the Hearts of other Princes.

I must likewise not forget, by way of Digression, to encourage the Followers of *Luther* and *Calvin*, that with all their Might they would fight with the Vicar of the Devil. O ye that are Brethren all of one Family, at length unite your Hearts, that the Flame of Love may consume all your Quarrels and Contentions; and those Swords, which ye have so long used one against another, may they be whetted, shar-

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pened, and furbished, to fall upon that Beast, which, like *Eglon*, is made very fat with the Blood of the Saints. And, as another *Ehud's*, thrust your Swords into the Heart of the Beast, that the Haft may go in after the Blade, and the Fat may close upon the Blade. And certainly this Battle shall have a better end than that wherein you have wearied your selves for a long time; for in this Battle, the Lord Jesus Christ himself will be your Prince and Leader, leading your Army, and going before it. Go on therefore, like the Children of *Israel* and *Judah*, who, altho' after the Dispersion of the Tribes, did not agree, and had no Dealings with one another, yet an occasion being given by the Rebellion of the *Moabites* against *Israel*, they joined Battle, with one Heart, against the common Enemy, under the Conduct of *Joram* and *Jehosaphat*, 2 *Kings* iii. So also, the *Romish* Dragon having belched out against you both the Flames of Persecution, let now your Hands join together to destroy that horrible and mad Monster. And for it you have also a strong  
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Argument at hand ; for ye both in your Masters, *Luther* and *Calvin*, have given deadly Wounds to the *Romish* Beast. Finish then, as faithful Scholars, the Work that your Masters have left you, and as that Beast hath received those deadly Wounds, may also feel the last Stroke of Death, and may trouble and disquiet you no more. May the Magistrates of *Hamburgh* prosper, who have prepared and laid a Way for your uniting together, by allowing their dissenting Brethren to build a Church.

This sincere Persuasion to Agreement, may be applied to the Followers of *Voetius* and *Coccejus*, that they may extinguish all Flames of Discord by brotherly Love, and, for the time to come, may shoot at the Fortifications of *Babylon* with the Bullets of their mutual Zeal. As *Saul* judged wisely to pursue *David* no more, having heard that the *Philistines* had invaded the Land of *Israel*. 1 *Sam.* xxiii. 27; 28.

O how lovely a Sight will it be to see, that Son of Perdition being consumed with the Spirit of the Lord's Mouth, and being consumed with the Brightness of his com-

ing! how lovely, I say, will that Sight be, to see the Calling of the *Jews*, and their mourning for the Lord Jesus (whom for so many Ages they have reviled, and treated unworthily, counting him a Deceiver, and falsely assuming the Office of Messiah) as one mourneth for his only Son, and bitterly lamenting for him, as one bitterly lamenteth for his First-born! O what sweet Melody will that happy Mourning be, and how very pleasant Musick will that bitter Lamentation be in the Ears of the Lord Jesus, who then can no longer refrain himself from manifesting the Power of his pardoning Grace, Love, and Mercy, to his ancient People! And, O what great Joy will that cause, to Angels and Men, when, a little after a great many Nations, as yet walking in Darkness, and dwelling in the Land of the Shadow of Death, shall flow together from all Parts, to hide themselves under the Wings of this King of the *Jews*, and together with them be glad, and leap for Joy, for the Revelation of this Saviour to them! And oh, how many publick Solemnities of Rejoycing, and Outcries  
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for Joy, piercing the Clouds, shall be heard in the World (which now, alas ! is filled with Cursings, Violence, and all kind of Injustice) when all the People of God shall sit every one under his own Vine and Fig-tree, none making them afraid any more, their Swords being beat into Plow-Shares, and their Spears into Pruning-hooks ! But when all these glorious Things shall be accomplished, after that Man of Sin, that Stone of stumbling between the *Jews* and *Gentiles*, shall be taken away ; who then does not desire and earnestly long for that Day, when *Babylon* shall fall, and no more arise ?

Come then, ye *Princes* and *Potentates* of the Earth, prepare and gird your selves for the War against the Scarlet-coloured Whore, and her innumerable Imps. Let not the Number of their Armies terrify and affright you. No, no, altho' you had but (as once *Gideon*) three Hundred Soldiers, your Enemies being, with the *Midianites*, like Grasshoppers for Multitude, yet ye shall get the Victory with that small Number, because ye fight not your own, but  
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the Battles of the Lord Jesus himself ; otherwise it were better for you to stay quietly in your Palaces. Let therefore the formidable Sight of the Multitude of your Enemies insinuate and instill to you these humble Words of King *Asa*, which he prayed : *O Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no Power, help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on thee, and in thy Name we go against this Multitude : O Lord, thou art our God, let not Man prevail against thee, 2 Chron. xiv. 11.* That good prophet *Elisha*, being surrounded with a numerous Host of the *Syrians* by Night, he encouraged his Servant that trembled for fear, with these Words : *Fear not ; for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them, 2 Kings vi. 16.* when none was with *Elisha* but his Servant. But the Sight of the Prophet was opened to behold an heavenly Host, ready at God's Command to deliver them. So likewise turn away your Eyes from vain Men, and on the contrary lift them up, that by Faith ye may behold the Lord Jesus, surrounded with ten Thousands

sands of Angels, and who has them ready  
 for the Deliverance of his Elect. And,  
 indeed, if formerly one Angel only de-  
 stroyed an Hundred and Fourscore and  
 five Thousand of the *Assyrians*, Jer. xxxvii.  
 36. what then is the Strength and Power  
 of the Sons of *Adam*, to a Legion of these  
 mighty Spirits? Alas! indeed the Mat-  
 ter is to be lamented and deplored, that  
 the Lord Jesus is commonly far from the  
 Sight of Men, when he is not only fur-  
 nish'd with an unlook'd for Power, but  
 also with an incomprehensible Good Will  
 to deliver his Elect. He, he is Lord of  
 Lords, and King of Kings: Strong is he  
 who will judge the Whore, and who  
 hath appointed and determined to her the  
 Day of his Anger and Wrath. And he,  
 even he is, who hath so bound the whole  
 Company of Devils in the Chains of his  
 Power, that they cannot move a Step  
 without his Pleasure. Now, if he thus  
 rules over all infernal Spirits, what then  
 can the Sons of Men do, of which a  
 great Army cannot be compared to the  
 Strength of one Devil only? *Lastly*, (that  
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I may not go farther into this Depth) If the Lord Jesus, when he was cloathed with the Garmen of Mortality, send forth such a Beam of his divine Power, that his Enemies, at one Word only, fell to the Ground, *John xviii. 6.* then how great Strength and Power remains in him, now when he is exalted in high, and liveth for ever, triumphing over Hell and Death, whereof he only keeps the Keys, *Rev. i. 18.*

O come at last, most Honourable and Royal King Jesus, sitting upon thy white Horse of Victory, and armed with thy Bow, and furnished with Darts never missing the Mark. Come at last, most mighty Lord, proceeding in the Splendor and Glory of thy Power, and throw thy fiery Darts against the Head of that Man of Sin, who hath provoked thee for so many Ages, and assaulted the Jewels of thy Royal Crown. It is he, who hath shed the Blood of thy Saints, like Water, and continues to quench his cursed Thirst with the Effusion thereof. O, most blessed King! condescend at last to the Request of those Souls that are under the Altar, *who cry with a loud*



*loud Voice, saying, how long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our Blood on them that dwell on the Earth?* Rev. vi. 10. And all those Prayers, which have been poured forth from Age to Age by thy People, for the Destruction of thy resolved Enemy, may be fulfilled. But thou shalt at last appear as weary in refraining thy self longer from delivering of thy mourning Turtle-Dove, and from the full rewarding thy deadly Enemy.

But that I may go on with my Design, I will fasten the abrupt Thread of our Discourse : It will not be an unprofitable Consideration in fighting with *Babylon*, that there must not be exercis'd a foolish Pity, and preposterous Connivance. But here that ought to have place, *Ezek. ix. 5. Let not your Eye spare, neither have ye Pity.* Else ye shall be rewarded with *Saul*, when he spared the *Amalekites* : Here is to be heard that heavenly Voice, which *John* hath booked down, *Rev. xviii. 6, 7. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double, according to her Works: in the Cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.*

ble. *How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and Sorrow give her.* That Dart, which the Brood of *Babylon*, carrying her self haughtily, shakes against the Protestants: *Raise it, raise it, even to the Foundation thereof,* *Psal. cxxxvii. 7.* is to be thrown back upon her self, and we must make her understand, experimentally, what those Words mean. For the total Fall of *Babylon* is foretold and prophesied; and therefore the fulfilling thereof, as much as in us lies, is not to be annulled by Reasons drawn from the Quiver of the carnal Policy. And altho' God will be known in shewing a visible and extraordinary hand in the Destruction of that Woman, that is old in Adulteries; yet to use Means will it please his Majesty. And those happy Instruments, which God will make use of in this noble Work of Destruction.

Come then, ye Kings and Princes of the Earth, while your Hearts are inflamed with an ardent desire of shewing some Proofs of your noble Spirit; it will be very well shewed in fighting against that

*Apollyon*, the Destroyer of the Earth. From this War, if you behave yourselves valiantly, you shall have no Loss, nor Damage. But as many Pillars of the idolatrous Temple of falling *Rome* ye shall level to the ground, so many and more Pillars ye shall obtain in the defence of your own Palaces.

These few Pages may afford Matter to others to insist upon this Subject more largely.

*In magnis voluisse sat est.*



APPEN.



## APPENDIX.

COME ye spiritual Physicians, ye need not trouble your selves to give any Physick to this Beast, whose Wounds ye may now see to be incurable. Leave her then as a Patient that is past hope, and despise all those Quacks who presume or take upon them to cure this Beast, and prevent her Ruin with their ridiculous Medicines.

Come hither, all ye *Poets* and lofty Spirits, if now hovers and roves in your Veins a great Courage to shew Signs, that ye have drank plentifully of the Streams of *Poetry*, and sitten carefully at the Feet of your Mistress (*Musick*) very well, awake now to make (foreseeing the Destruction of *Babylon*) Songs and Verses. And sharpen your Wits, to encourage fearful and cowardly Spirits to undertake an Expedition against the *Romish Pharoah*.

Come hither, all ye Booksellers and Printers, let your Presses now be warm and  
always



always moving, that ye may hasten and finish quickly every thing that tends to the Destruction of *Rome*. If ye have any Paper Bullets committed to you, and come to your Hands to throw down the Towers of *Babylon*; lay aside then all other Work and Business, that all those things which are more fitted for the Time of War, may be preferr'd before those things which more belong at the Time of Peace.

Come also hither all ye Smiths, and ye that work in Metals, let your hand now be strong, and labour, without weariness, to provide Arms for the destruction and fall of the Vatican Thunderer. Incite your Servants and Apprentices, that their Hands may not languish and faint in so noble a Work as this is, to prepare Weapons for heroick Men to make War against the mortal Enemy of God.

Come hither also ye Birds of the Air, and be ye gathered together to the Supper, which the great God himself shall prepare for you, and wherein all kinds of *Babylon's* Flesh shall be set before you. Much good may it do you, when ye shall be filled with her Flesh, *Rev. xix. 17, 18, 21.*



A  
SHORT DIALOGUE  
BETWEEN THE  
*BIRDS of the Air*  
AND THE  
PUBLISHER of Good News ;  
CONCERNING  
*The Great Feast nigh at hand,  
to be preferred before Aha-  
suerus's, Esth. i.*

*The Publisher of Good News.*



HY do you look so sad, and  
what is the Cause you are so  
much dejected ?

*The Birds of the Air.*

That you see us so sorrowful and cast  
down, you need not wonder, since we  
live,

live, in respect of us, in very bad Times. We will shew you the Cause of our Sorrow in a word ; we have a great desire to satisfy our craving and hungry Stomachs with human Flesh, to which we have so great a Desire, as a Woman uses to have for Meat, who hath been lately brought to bed. But alas, who will satisfy this our Desire ! In antient Times we feasted well, and did feast upon the best of human Flesh ; but now, now our Portion is small, and our Bodies are lean.

*The Publisher of Good News.*

Be not troubled, I can comfort you, and satisfy your Appetites.

*The Birds.*

We pray you reveal this to us, that, with the Prospect of this good Thing, our Sorrow may be diminished, and we may be comforted.

*The Publisher of Good News.*

Be attentive and hearken very carefully.

*The Birds.*

We have a mind so to do.

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*The Publisher of Good News.*

It is a very splendid Feast, and second to none, and shall be made ready for you quickly ; a *Feast* where there is not common and of small price, but most exquisite Dainties are to be set before you ; a *Feast*, at which you may be merry for many Days ; nay, a *Feast*, where there are such Niceties and Varieties of Meat, that you shall not know which to take, or what first to put into your Mouth.

*The Birds.*

Surely, you foretel great Things to us, and therefore we desire greatly to know what that Feast shall be.

*The Publisher of Good News.*

Before I open this to you, I must premise something for your greater Comfort and Encouragement. Certain it will be a Feast, to which you may come without any Fear, and sit at this Table with the Approbation of God himself. 'Tis a Thing well known, (and which I must put you in remembrance with Grief of Soul) that you have had in Times past a great many Feasts of innocent and just Men,



Men, to which you have come in the Anger and Displeasure of God, and have behaved yourselves that ye are worthy to be killed : But in the Feast I speak of, you need not satisfy yourselves with the Flesh of Turtle-Doves that hurt none, but with the Flesh of hardned and most profligate Sinners ; you shall be without any Danger by being at this Feast ; for here the great God himself shall entertain you, and encourage you, and Angels with holy Men shall behold you with Joy. These sorrowful and lamentable Words shall not be heard here ; *O God, the Heathen are come into thine Inheritance, thy holy Temple have they defiled, they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. The dead Bodies of thy Servants have they given to be Meat unto the Fowls of the Heaven, the Flesh of thy Saints unto the Beasts of the Earth, Ps. lxxix. 1, 2. But your Feast shall be like that in Ezek. xxxix. 17, 18, 19, 20. And thou Son of Man, thus saith the Lord God, Speak unto every feathered Fowl, and to every Beast of the Field, Assemble yourselves, and come, gather yourselves on every side to my Sacrifice, that I do sacrifice for you, even a great Sacrifice up-*

*on the Mountains of Israel, that ye may eat Flesh, and drink Blood. Ye shall eat the Flesh of the Mighty, and drink the Blood of the Princes of the Earth, of Rams, of Lambs, and of Goats, of Bullocks, all of them Fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat Fat till ye be full, and drink Blood till ye be drunken, of my Sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my Table with horses and Chariots, with mighty Men, and with all Men of War, saith the Lord God.*

*The Birds.* We earnestly beseech you to delay no longer, but tell us quickly, what that Feast shall be, to which we have so great a Longing.

*The Publisher of Good News.* That I may at last satisfy you, and keep you no longer in suspense, be it known unto you, that I mean the Feast of Antichrist at Rome, and his Followers: And that it may appear that I am not willing to deceive you, and draw you on with vain Hope, these are the Words of the Evangelist *John*, who saw the Visions of the Almighty, *Rev. xix. 17, 18.* *And I saw an Angel standing in the Sun, and he cryed with a loud Voice, saying to all the Fowls that fly in the midst of Heaven, Come*

*Come and gather yourselves together unto the Supper of the great God; that ye may eat the Flesh of Kings, and the Flesh of Captains, and the Flesh of mighty Men, and the Flesh of Horses, and of them that sit on them, and the Flesh of all Men, both free and bond, both small and great: Herewith compared the three Verses following. Hence ye may clearly see, that in this Feast there is set before you, not common Food, but the Flesh even of Kings and Captains.*

*The Birds.* We must truly confess, that you do not a little comfort us, and cheer our sorrowful Spirits. But when shall this Feast be?

*The Publisher of Good News.* We do not take upon us to tell the true and exact Time; but it appears very clear to them that consider the present State of Affairs, that this Feast is not far off, but very near, even at the door. What are the Signs and Tokens of the approaching Fall of *Babylon*, is a Work long ago undertaken by many eminent Divines: Therefore we will not lanch far into this Depth. Only we observe, that besides the Esteem of the Pope among his Followers is lessening, the chief



Pillar of the *Romish* Church, which is Ignorance, even now is shaken by this present *Pope*, by suffering the People to read the Scriptures. Whereby (that we may touch it by the way) every one may easily perceive, who hath not shut his Eyes at the clear Light of Truth, what we then must judge of the Infallibility of those *Peter's* Successors, while one *Pope* affirms, what another denies flatly.

*The Birds.* But may it not be concluded from the *Pope's* suffering the Scriptures to be read in the vulgar Tongue, that he is a good *Protestant*?

*The Publisher of Good News.* It must be owned, that this *Pope* is not like his Predecessors to appear in a Lion's Skin, and besides he has appointed and ordered many outward good Things, which will darken the Eyes of many, and lessen their most just Hatred to the *Popish* Religion; yet the Devil will always be black, altho' you do all you can to make him white; and he who will call any *Pope*, whatever he may be, a good Man, may canonize the Prince of Darkness for a Saint. But seeing we invite you Fowls of the Heaven

to